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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for inserting an apparatus into a bowel, comprising: inserting a guidewire into the bowel through an opening into the bowel; then passing a first end of a filament, unattached to the guidewire, from outside the bowel through the bowel wall into the bowel lumen and into initial engagement with the guidewire at a location in the bowel; then passing the first end of the filament out of the bowel through the bowel wall so that the filament penetrates the bowel wall in two locations, the filament being engaged with the guidewire between the first and second ends;

clamping the first end of the filament while a second end of the filament is free;

withdrawing the guidewire from the bowel through the opening into the bowel, after the filament is engaged with the guidewire, to thereby draw the second end of the filament through the bowel and out of the opening;

attaching the apparatus to a portion of the filament in the vicinity of the second end of the filament after the guidewire and said portion the second end of the filament have been withdrawn from the bowel; and

drawing the filament with attached apparatus back through the bowel, further comprising passing the filament back out the wall of the bowel, so that it penetrates the bowel wall in two locations, clamping a first end of the filament while a second end of the filament is free, the filament being engaged with the guidewire between the first and second ends such that as the guidewire is withdrawn from the bowel and out of the opening, the second end of the filament is drawn through the bowel and out of the opening, the apparatus being attached to the filament in the vicinity of the second end of the filament.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of passing the filament through the bowel wall and into engagement with the guidewire comprises forming the guidewire with a through channel and passing the filament through the channel of the guidewire.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of passing the filament through the bowel wall and into engagement with the guidewire further comprises forming the channel in a bulbous enlargement of the guidewire, and passing a needle with the filament engaged therewith through the bowel wall and through the channel.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising locating a bulbous